

All State Agency Heads

From: John Hoeven, Governor

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Continuum of Government

In the event of a disaster, whether it be natural or manmade, it is imperative that North Dakota State Government be prepared to respond, recover, and resume services quickly and efficiently. Accordingly, I am directing that all State agencies and facilities develop a business continuity/disaster recovery plan to recover from a disaster that would impact its ability to function.

To assist State agencies and facilities in this process, I am further directing the establishment of a Continuum of Government Team to develop a State Continuity of Government Plan that will serve as the support structure for the individual state agency/facility plans. The Continuum of Government Team will be comprised of representatives from the Office of the Governor, Emergency Management, Highway Patrol, Department of Health, Information Technology Department, Facilities Management Division, and Risk Management Division.

The Risk Management Division of OMB will serve as an information resource for State entities in developing their individual plans and as a clearinghouse for information on the State Continuity of Government Plan. Contact Risk Management at 328-6514 for further information.